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Delayed development work begins with dewatering at neglected, misused and encroached waterbody after 11-month deadline

LATER, AT THE LAKE

Gangashetty Lake at KR Puram spread over 21 acres

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Finally, dewatering of Gangashetty Lake began after a delay of 11 months. The development of Gangashetty Lake was to be completed this December as per the work order issued to the contractor by the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP).

The delay in completing the development of the lake drew criticism from lake activists and residents of KR Puram. The BBMP had fixed a 11-month deadline to complete the development of the lake; but dewatering of the lake began only after the expiry of the deadline.

The civic body issued the work order to the contractor on January 13, 2022. As per the work order, the development of the lake should have been completed by December 12, 2022. But the dewatering of the lake has just begun on

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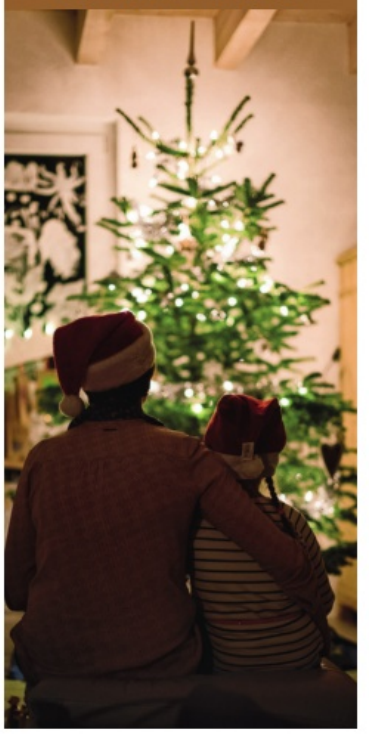
XMAS SPIRIT

How city gears up to celebrate Christmas



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3 THINGS TO DO

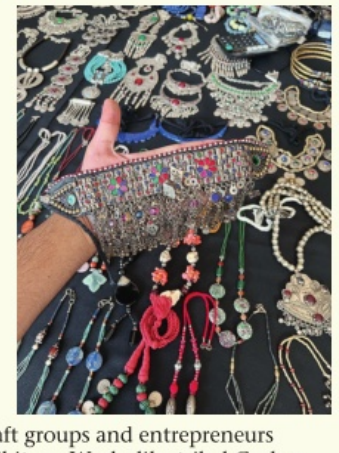
01 Santa calling

One of the biggest malls in the city brings joy this festive season. Grab a chance to attend Santa's workshop at Lulu Global Mall. The event is supposed to be filled with rejoice and fun.
Where: Lulu Global Mall, Rajajinagar
When: December 24; 4 pm to 6 pm

02 Winter Carnival

This season Vishwa Vidyapeeth group of schools brings 5 day 'Winter Carnival'. The campus is open for all children of age group 6 to 14. If you have been waiting for the winter months to arrive, here's your chance. From night sky observation, dance, entertaining workshops, motivational talks, the camp has it all.
Where: Vishwa Vidyapeeth Group OF Schools, Varthur campus; When: December 26 to December 30

03 Shop on!



If you are into art and craft, then this is for you! Grab the opportunity to visit the 21st edition of the Bengaluru Dastkar Bazaar this month. The exhibition brings crafts from various Indian states, promoting several artists. You would find 130 plus craft groups and entrepreneurs and 60 plus exhibitors. Works like tribal Godna art, Kutchi embroidered leatherwork, traditional Phulkari embroidery, Kinauri shawl weaving and more. **Where: Jayamahal Palace Hotel**
When: December 21- 27; 10:30 am to 8:30 pm

Hallelujah, it's Christmas

Churches, homes in city are fully lit up for festivities. BM gets a feel of excitement in the air as celebratory preparations are going on in full swing

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Shivaji Nagar wears a festive look in the days leading up to Christmas. People are out in good numbers shopping to do up the Christmas trees at their homes

With Christmas being right around the corner, the churches in the city are gearing up to celebrate Christmas in a grand manner. The stars on the Christmas trees are all set to brighten up everyone's festivities.

After seeing the preparations being made by the churches, the people in the city cannot hold their excitement any longer.

According to Father Maria Anand SDB, from Kristu Jyoti College, TC Palya, it takes approximately four weeks of preparation for Christmas.

"Every Sunday there will be special prayer and reading from the scripture. This will prepare us spiritually for the onset of Christmas. Secondly, there will be people who perform certain acts of penance or charity to celebrate the spirit of Christmas," he said.

"There are also several decorations and families coming together for the festivities. The ultimate message of Christmas is that God is with us," he added.

"There will also be a reenactment of the story of Jesus in the crib. The other important thing is the star. It is considered a symbol of hope and people who see the star believe that something divine is going to happen. The third important part is the Christmas tree, which symbolises God's presence amidst everything," he explained.

Father from Don Bosco Church, Lingarajpuram told Bangalore Mirror that the Christian families bring the message of Christmas through carol singing and visiting families.

"In the last two weeks, we visited 900 families. After that, there were confessions by people which are still going on," he said.

"We asked some families, especially children to prepare the Jesse tree which is a family tree of Jesus and people read the Bible from Adam till Jesus. The family of Jesus will be remembered; we will hang the picture of the family members on the tree and finally hang the picture of Jesus on Christmas day," he explained.

> **"We have also given clothes and other items to unfortunate people. On the day of Christmas, we will have carol singing**
> – Pastor Michael Praveen

Some families will also sacrifice food and money and make hampers which will be donated to the unfortunate Christian and non-Christian families who cannot celebrate Christmas. There will also be night masses in all the languages, he added.

The churches believe that the month of Christmas is for spreading joy and love among the people.

Pastor Michael Praveen of Lifehouse Church, said, "For Christmas, we have a special Christmas service for our congregants. We also spread among people the message of joy and celebration.

"We have also given out clothes and other necessary items to unfortunate people. On the day of Christmas, we will have carol singing along with a special programme for kids."

VK Chitrotsava awards distribution today

To promote young artists in the state, Vijay Karnataka, sister concern of Bangalore Mirror is organising VK Chitrotsava awards programme on Saturday at 5 pm. The programme will be inaugurated by senior artist Rekha Hebbar. Higher Education Minister Dr CN Ashwath Narayan will be the chief guest and the programme will be presided over by Karnataka Chitrakala Parishat president BL Shankar. Gurudas Shenoy, AM Prakash, Dr Prameela Lochan and Ravi Kotegadde will be the jury members.

The VK Chitrotsava received an excellent response with more than 140 art works from across the state. Out of this 84 art works were selected for the second phase.

In the painting section, Abhishek Kumar (Mangaluru), Haritha Bodi (Bengaluru), Vijay Kumar (Kalburagi), KS Sabreen Taj (Davanagere), Kavita S Katti (Kalburagi) have been selected. In sketch art works, Dastagir (Kalburagi), Akshay Bhat (Bengaluru) and Ajam (Kalburagi) have been selected. In graphics, Mynu Yakub (Bengaluru) and Nikhil Sharma have been selected.

The VK Chitrotsava art exhibition will be for public display from December 24 to January 2 at Karnataka Chitrakala Parishat. — BMB

Much ado over Class 5, 8 exams

After a row over saffronisation of syllabus, inclusion and deletion of lessons during the syllabus review, Karnataka education department's decision to conduct public exams for classes 5 and 8 has triggered a fresh controversy in the state.

A section of parents and student organisations have objected to the decision and expressed their fears of creating a discriminatory situation for the students. Karnataka Pradesha Samanya Naagarikara Dhvani Vedike President S. Lakshminarayana has attacked education minister BC Nagesh over the decision.

This is a decision taken at the far end of the academic year with discretion, he said on Friday. He further stated that this move is against the National Education Policy (NEP). This created panic among crores of parents and students. The decision must be reversed, he demanded.

The Karnataka education department is conducting public exams for students who are studying state syllabus. The public exams are not conducted for students who are studying in Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) schools. The exams are also not conducted in schools run by the central government. The parents are claiming that it amounts to discrimination. — IANS

Dangerous liaisons

In country, Bengaluru witnessed maximum number of murders due to illicit relationships

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Bengaluru now has the dubious distinction of having recorded the maximum number of murders over 'illicit relationships' in the country. In 2021, there were 79 murders in the country where the police identified an illicit relationship to be the motive. Bengaluru recorded 15 of such murders. This is the highest for any city as Chennai comes a close second with 14 such murders. Delhi, which has the maximum murders in the country, has 12 murders related to illicit relationships. Police say that Bengaluru has also witnessed five murders due to love affairs.

Motives for murders

Among the motives for murder, eight were for gain, 55 for personal vendetta or enmity; overall, disputes are also another reason for the murders in the city. Around 52 murder motives were disputes out of which seven were property, 10 family disputes and 32 for petty quarrels.

Shockingly, most of the murder victims are those in the age group of 30 to 45 years. Of the 71 such victims, a majority were males.

The only silver lining in the report is that the murder cases in the city are reducing if one goes by the NCRB data. There were 204 murders reported in the city in 2019 which fell to 179 in 2020 and 155 in 2021. The city's murder rate is 1.8% which is less than the other cities.

In the country, a total of 29,272 cases of murder were registered during 2021, showing a marginal increase of 0.3% over 2020 (29,193 cases). Disputes (9,765 cases) was the motive in highest number of murder cases during 2021 followed by 'personal vendetta or enmity' (3,782 cases) and 'gain' (1,692 cases) in the country.

Foreign nationals

Around 39 cases have been reported in Bengaluru against foreign nationals for various crimes. According to NCRB 2021 data, a total of 150 crimes were registered for crime against foreigners (Tourist and Resident) as compared to 191 cases in 2020, showing a decrease of 21.5%. Most of the cases registered were under Theft (23) and Assault on Women with Intent to Outrage her Modesty (15). Out of 171 victims in 150 registered cases, 58.5% of the victims were from Asia (100) followed by 9.4% of victims from Europe (16). A total of 2,585 cases were registered in 2021 against foreigners as compared to 1,937 cases in 2020, showing an increase of 33.5%. The crime head-wise cases revealed that 65.3% of the cases registered were under Foreigners Act and Registration of Foreigners Act (1,688 Cases), followed by 13.7% of Cases under Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act.

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Cyber crimes

A total of 52,974 cases were registered under Cyber Crimes, showing an increase of 5.9% in registration over 2020 (50,035 cases). Crime rate under this category increased from 3.7% in 2020 to 3.9% in 2021. During 2021, 60.8% of cyber-crime cases registered were for the motive of fraud (32,230 out of 52,974 cases) followed by sexual exploitation with 8.6% (4,555 cases) and extortion with 5.4% (2,883 cases) in the country.

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Evolution and Cop15

In a nondescript town faraway, on late afternoons, at a specific spot, oftentimes I have been observing swallows perched on overhead cables, at a relatively lower height than these birds usually prefer. Maybe due to an abundance of insects or nests nearby.

I stop briefly to watch the swallow. The sighting of this bird is a joy in any setting. In Bengaluru, one can see the occasional pair at dusk zigzagging leisurely high in the sky basking in the radiance of the sunset.

How regal this creature is — designed as though wind-sculpted over time to achieve the agile entity it is today, like curious rock formations shaped by erosion of millennia.

Wings as if razor sharp cut through gusts as the bird swiftly changes direction and cruises through air currents to zero in and swallow tiny insects in its flight path. So, the name swallow stuck, perhaps.

Why go on about the swallow? The graceful bird is just one instance of the evolutionary miracle. Are humans as gracious as the swallow? Or an evolutionary deviation so to speak? The magnificent swallow, however, is not aware of things as they stand today as far as nature, biodiversity, future of the planet and so forth are concerned.

When humanity proclaims how it has reached a historic deal at Cop15 to halt and reverse biodiversity loss, how earnest the intent of the proclamation is you cannot help but wonder. Natural curiosity for natural history does not suffice at this stage even from a purely philosophical point of view.

The gamut of issues such as poverty, refugees fleeing conflict zones, unemployment, inflation and so on plaguing the world's population in the throes of a flailing global economy surely cannot be the result of great intent, as aforementioned, if there was any of it left in the human realm. In simpler words, can we help the whole spectrum of living entities if we cannot help ourselves?

Still in the grim-hold of a coronavirus that the establishment is hesitant to acknowledge the origins of or to initiate an earnest probe to understand where it came from, what credentials do humans have to direct the destiny of gazillions of living beings at will, without their consent — provided consent is something of note now.

However much humans trumpet their commitment, grandstand alongside eager greenwashing corporates at global summits and draw ambitious roadmaps detailing how they are going to salvage a world they themselves have wrecked and are going on wrecking with their neoliberal wrecking ball as we speak — the evident malignancy of intent casts

a gargantuan shadow on the future of all species.

In its minuscule history on the planet, humanity has depleted almost 70% of biodiversity evolved over millennia and now is promising to protect a meagre 30% of the planet by 2030 — in a 30X30 deal or what have you. What an absurd proposition!

The agreement reached to salvage lost biodiversity in Montreal, Canada, is not legally binding — it is still up to specific countries concerned whether to consider nature as a stakeholder in the collective's future. So there you go — it is anybody's guess what would transpire post this 'historic' and 'once-in-a-decade' agreement in geographies where the tendency is to engage even the coronavirus scare to target political foes. Fact is the environment does not even appear to be a concern.

Meanwhile, topical reports and comments suggested the peril looming over the oceans and fisheries were hardly mentioned and were brushed aside by a broad stroke rather than deliberated upon in the finest of details at Montreal — especially high seas where no country exercises jurisdiction. China which played a major role in clinching the so-called key call to action agreement, in the meantime, is scooping up vast areas of the sea floor with its trawler fleets widespread across international waters.

Absence of the term 'nature positive', in the parlance of the summit, widely held as a biodiversity equivalent of 'net zero', has been flagged by many observers. The United States missing in action sans a go ahead from the senate in that country, makes saving the last of living entities more or less the priority of the global south. Shoddy stance on the use of pesticides that play a damning role in biodiversity loss, African nations pointing out they aren't being heard judiciously make large emerging economies like India, China, Brazil and so on power players replacing usual western bullies.

Similar targets set at a biodiversity convention back in 2010 were missed in their entirety. In fact, if humanity wanted to be for all living entities, it could have been so long ago. Instances of missed opportunity date back to as early as back in 1799 when naturalist Alexander von Humboldt wondered about the fallout of human excesses on earth.

Coming back to lake

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December 20; it will take more than a week to complete.

Lake activists and residents of KR Puram expressed displeasure and disappointment over the delay in completing lake development work. "I have come across stone pitching on the earthen bund without constructing a toe wall which avoids stones pitched on the earthen bund caving into the waterbody in future. I am not happy with the quality of the work. I demand the BBMP lakes department to keep a vigil on the ongoing development work," said Balaji Raghotham, a lake activist.

The BBMP has sanctioned Rs 3,73,71,000 for the development of Gangashetty Lake that spreads over 21 acres and 27 guntas (as per the RTC). The development of the lake includes dewatering and desilting, improvement of the main bund, formation of walkway bund, construction of rectangular drain at inlet-1, construction of chain link fencing (lake boundary), construction of diversion at inlet-4, construction of wetland, construction of security room and construction of a toilet block and entrance gate.

The residents said elected representatives and BBMP failed in protecting the lake land — a portion of the lake land is yet to be reclaimed, they told BM.

"I expected our elected representative would evict encroachers but he did nothing

— Ele Srinivas, president, All Karnataka Farmers and Vendors Federation

Board at the lake detailing the developmental works

A child gets into the park through a gap in the fence

"I am not happy with the development of the lake work progressing at a snail's pace. I expected our elected representative to evict the encroachers from the lake land but he did nothing. I want the BBMP lakes department to ensure quality in the lake development work," said All Karnataka Farmers and Vendors Federation president Ele Srinivas.

Newly installed children's play equipment near the lake is another example of BBMP apathy. With no one to manage the equipment, the gate of the children's play area is always locked. However, children managed to cut the fence to access the play equipment. When this correspondent visited the spot, a child was coming out through the opening in the fence.

"It seems the BBMP has forgotten about the children's play equipment soon after installing it and making payment to the contractor. What is the use of the play equipment if it is not maintained properly?" asked Chandrasekhar N, a resident.

Meanwhile, BBMP assistant executive engineer (lakes) Bhuprada said the contractor could not carry out the development of the lake due to recurring rain all these months. "Now, the dewatering of the lake is in progress. All the measures will be taken to ensure the development of Gangashetty Lake on par with other lakes in and around KR Puram," the engineer said.

Bangalore Mirror published a series of stories – Palike Sweepers are dumping dirt in lake (April 10, 2020), Dust, debris to end Gangashetty lake's life (November 5, 2020), Fence will hence keep debris out at this lake (November 30, 2020), Another day, another walkathon in Bengaluru (February 16, 2021), Finally, Gangashetty Lake to be surveyed (February 25, 2021), Gangashetty Lake survey has begun (February 26, 2021), Everybody wants a piece of this lake (July 18, 2022) – narrating how the waterbody was neglected, misused and encroached.

One more reason to go green

The Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) on Friday announced to incentivise environment compliance.

Dr Shanth A Thimmaiah, Chairman of KSPCB, was participating in an interactive session with the Bangalore Chamber of Industry and Commerce (BCIC) in Bengaluru. "KSPCB has signed an MoU with CII for implementing GreenCo rating certification for industries.

The industries which obtain KSPCB-CII GreenCo rating certificate will be incentivised through an one time cash prize award ranging from Rs 50,000 to Rs 10,00,000 depending on the scale of the industry and rating obtained.

An amount of Rs 2 crore has been earmarked in the financial year 2023-24 for the incentive scheme," he stated. KSPCB is working on a rating system for pollution compliance, he added.

Dr Thimmaiah addressed participants from various industry sectors stating the urgent need to reduce the existing gap between policy makers and industry with regard to pollution compliance.

He also answered several queries on pollution control from the industry.

In his address, Dr Thimmaiah said, "There is a trust deficit between industry and policy makers. We need to understand that production and pollution are two sides of the same coin as they are dependent on each other.

Production and Pollution should be considered equally, and by doing so you will comply with the statutory authorities, and it will also help in sustainability of the industry as well.

After taking over as Chairman, we have already visited 14 districts and conducted industry sector specific meetings to educate them about their roles and responsibilities with regard to pollution control and check compliance as per the legal document submitted by them".

Elaborating on the gigantic proportions of waste generated by the state, Dr L Ravindran, President-BCIC said enormous quantity of sewage, industrial waste, municipal solid waste, biomedical waste, hazardous waste, plastic waste and e-waste is generated in the State every day and the KSPCBs efforts in tackling these issues is commendable.

He said that the main aim of the interactive session with Dr Thimmaiah was to understand the expectations of KSPCB and to bring about synergies between industry and government.

Dr Thimmaiah urged the industry and associations like BCIC to take this message forward to ensure legal compliance and assured industries that KSPCB is always available for clarification and assistance.

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Yet another gated community shoos away its resident strays

Citizens approach Whitefield police station after 4 streeties go missing from inside society premises

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After four street dogs have gone missing over the last month from a gated community in Whitefield, an FIR has been filed at the police station against the project management team of the society. The case has been filed under various sections of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animal Act and IPC Act.

"We have filed the case based on video footage of six security guys from the layout carrying polyethene bags, lathis, and rods to trap and relocate the puppies and brutally chase them away," said Smitha U Tallimani, a resident of the layout.

The caretakers of the strays say it all started six months ago when one of the mother dogs residing in the community gave birth to seven puppies. They also alleged that the management team of the community instructed the security team to get rid of them under the pressure of residents. Soon after, a security member threw the puppies from a six-foot high wall.

"The puppies were injured. We brought back five of them and provided them with the required treatment and care. An NCR was also booked at the Whitefield police station," recalled Tallimani.

The feeders also alleged that the security team would constantly chase the four dogs.

As a last resort, the residents invited officials from the animal husbandry department of BBMP to spread awareness about the guidelines under the Animal Birth Control Rule, 2001. However, they claim the officials gave relocation orders against the rule. "When feeders objected to the action of the security team, a BBMP notice was produced and under the name of guidelines," said another resident.

However, BBMP officials denied the claim. "As per the guidelines under ABC rules, if a dog or a group of dogs have been living inside a residential complex, they cannot be shooed off. Even shooing the dogs away outside the layout is equivalent to relocating them and is against the rules," said an official from the Animal Husbandry department.

According to a police officer from the Whitfield Police Station, an FIR has been lodged and notices have been sent to the project management team of the layout.

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Big boost for Sompura industrial area

Bengaluru-Tumakuru highway phase 1 ready by Aug 2025, says Gadkari

The Centre has said that the much-awaited Benglauru-Tumakuru expressway connecting Nelamangala will be finished by August 24, 2025. During a recent Rajya Sabha session, Union Transport Minister Nitin Gadkari said, "The six-laning of the Nelamangala to Tumakuru section, including Tumakuru Bypass from 29.500 km to 75.000 km of National Highway 48 has been divided into two phases. The first phase comprises the construction of service roads, and the second phase, construction of the main carriageway. Construction work in Phase-I has started, and the originally scheduled completion date for the entire project is August 24, 2025."

This will be the third 10-lane expressway for Bengaluru after the Bengaluru-Nelamangala and Bengaluru-Mysuru highways. The work is on to widen the existing Nelamangala-Tumakuru national highway from the current four-lane to a 10-lane one (44.04 km) at a cost of Rs 844 crore. This project is set to be completed in three years. It will give a big boost to the Sompura industrial area and better connectivity to the Kempegowda International Airport. This project has been taken up under the Bharatmala project. It will include a six-lane expressway with four-lane service roads on either side - a big boost for the industries and residential plots. Currently, the Sompura industrial area houses more than 500 industries. There is also a proposal to construct a retaining wall on either side to prevent accidents. The project will have 17 flyovers, including railway overbridges. It will also be a green highway as 600 plants will be planted alongside it.

This project, along with Bengaluru Satellite Ring Road, will be beneficial for Nelamangala, Doddaballapur, and Devanahalli satellite towns. Earlier, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai had announced that the state government was planning to provide all the necessary development to enhance the infrastructural needs of these towns. "Work on new townships for Kolar and Chikkaballapur have already started and we have now taken a decision to develop Nelamangala, Doddaballapur, and Devanahalli as the satellite towns of Bengaluru. The future of Bengaluru is in these three places and they will be developed as mega cities by providing all facilities. A master plan will be drawn for the overall development of these three towns," he said.

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Trends for 2023 Bengaluru office market

Hybrid working will continue to remain the most favoured workplace policy with offices emerging as a centre for collaboration and improvising on flexible space arrangements, according to the key trends anticipated for the year 2023 in the Bengaluru office market. Anshuman Magazine (Chairman and CEO - India, South-East Asia, Middle East & Africa, CBRE) said, "Offices are expected to adopt technology measures in the creation of smarter workplaces as well as in the smooth functioning of the hybrid models. Apart from renewals and renegotiations, occupiers are also expected to focus on consolidations, thereby driving large-sized deals. Flexible spaces (both managed and coworking) are expected to gain further prominence in portfolio strategies. As offices in Bengaluru are gradually opening up post-covid, tenants are gauging ways to bring back their staff through different return-to-office policies, flexible workspace strategies, and refining workplace and building amenities."

He said he expects these trends to continue in 2023. Bengaluru is known to be the hub of technology-led industries in the country. Within the office, he said he expects industry sectors like technology, engineering and manufacturing, flexible space operators, and BFSI sectors to command the demand in 2023.

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Homebuying myths you need to stay wary of when searching for your dream home

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Myth: Invest in projects with the half-a-bedroom option now as builders will not introduce this option later

Fact: With hybrid or back-to-office becoming the new normal, many home aspirants have been under the impression that the option of bigger homes such as the 1.5 or the 2.5 BHK will vanish from the inventory. Until now, the extra space was being considered a pandemic phenomenon, which led to panic buying in projects that have that additional half bedroom. "Home aspirants are seeing their friends and family buy a home with that extra half-a-bedroom or more space and they do not want to compromise on this aspect of homebuying anymore. As a result, numerous variations will be launched in the market by developers across the country and the buyer will have their pick," says Boman Irani, president-elect of CREDAI national.

Myth: Everyone is buying homes online

Fact: While there are cases where the homebuying process has been conducted online completely, right from recce to final purchase, it is also true that most of these purchases were made by NRIs who couldn't visit the country, or by people who were buying in a different city or state and didn't have the flexibility to visit the location often. Sanjay Garyali, chief executive (urban finance), L&T Financial Services Limited says, "The online vetting of projects by buyers is exhaustive and they still go and see those properties and stand on the project land to gauge how it will be to live in that area."

Myth: Inflation will be arrested in the next two years, and the cost of a home will drop

Fact: The average cost of construction has risen by 10-12 per cent in the last one year, which has led to a rise in realty prices. So, even if inflation is brought under control and the prices of raw materials such as cement are controlled, the prices of homes are unlikely to go down. Niranjan Hiranandani, national vice-chairman, NAREDCO says, "Developers have already incurred a price hike of nearly 10 per cent on average across the property markets."

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Kammanahalli footpaths: Not a walk to remember

Residents urge BBMP to ensure proper vending zones for street vendors and restore footpaths

Residents of Kammanahalli want their footpaths to be restored, and vendors, street hawkers to be given a separate space.

A resident, on the condition of anonymity, said, "The footpaths near Kammanahalli are completely encroached upon by street vendors. While we definitely encourage street vendors to do their business, it must not be at the cost of pedestrians."

For Suresh R, another local resident, no space on footpath meant walking on the road -- putting pedestrians at risk of getting hit by vehicles.

This issue, he said, was a common one in Bengaluru. Supriya A (name changed), a resident of Fraser Town, said, "If we look at the western countries where walking is encouraged, the footpaths are given prime importance. With good signage and levelled footpaths, walking is a breeze.

This model should be developed in Bengaluru as the city has a salubrious climate for most parts of the year. Thanks to the climate, walking can be a pleasure. If we have good signage and footpaths, then I am sure many people would prefer to walk short distances instead of taking vehicles. This will also help in bringing down the pollution levels as well."

Long stretch of footpaths are encroached by vendors, whose wares occupy the space

> **"Proper footpaths will help in bringing down the pollution level**
>
> – a resident of Fraser Town

The residents point out that BBMP had earlier said that it would clear all the encroachments. However, the promise is yet to be translated into action.

Residents also urge that the BBMP should ensure that proper vending zones are created for street vendors as thousands of people are dependent on street business for their livelihood. If BBMP succeeds in creating vending zones as well as good footpaths, then it will be a win-win situation for both the street vendors as well as pedestrians, they say.

— Prakash VL

DID YOU KNOW?

Johnson Market is one of the oldest markets in Bengaluru. Nestled between Richmond Town and Hosur Road, the busy market was set up in 1929. Named after a British civil servant, the market was initially known as Richmond Town Market. The Dewan of Mysuru, Sir Mirza Ismail is credited to have donated his land, which is the present day market. He is also remembered for the development of the place. Market was part of the British Cantonment. The place is popularly known for restaurants like Makkah Cafe, Madeena Stores and Siddique Kabab Centre. Many vegetables and meat shops are also found in the market, some of the sellers have been holding their business through generations since the British period. The place continues to serve various kinds of fritters. For Bengalureans, favourites from the market remain to be samosas, rolls, biryani, chicken fry, tea, and rooh afza. The market also houses Iranian restaurant, Fanoos, started in 1976.

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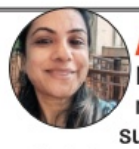
Which is your most favourite spot during winter evenings in Bengaluru and why?

Tanusha Jain, BM Reader
My favourite spot in winter evenings is mostly my apartment balcony or the sprawling lawn of my building as it is well trimmed and kept. I also enjoy the moment with hot or cold coffee.



Anandita Das, BM Reader
My favourite spot in winter evenings is my daughter's bedroom, surrounded by fairy lights, a little Christmas tree and some hanging decor. It feels cosy there with throws and blankets placed on the bed and couch.

Dhwani Jaisingh, BM Reader
My most favourite part of winter evenings are usually chilling in cafes, playing retro music and enjoying a hot cuppa.

Ashwini F, BM Reader
My favourite spots during winter evenings are libraries, and bars playing metro music till late night where I also enjoy hot cocoa.

Vidyut Vishwanath, BM Reader
My favourite spot during winter evenings would be the TV room or the reading room. I love reading old comics and drinking hot flavoured tea or hot chocolate that keeps me warm.

Shatrunjay Sharan, BM Reader
As I am a passionate photographer, my favourite winter evening spot would be Bengaluru lakes as I can capture photos of birds and it is a treat to watch.

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Booster jabs make comeback

Demand for precautionary doses goes up as covid-19 cases see resurgence

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Private hospitals in the city that had stopped administering the covid booster shots due to poor response have now decided to resume service after the recent surge of infections in China.

"As there were not many takers for the shots, we had to discontinue administering the booster dose around April of this year. This was to prevent wastage as once the vial is opened, it has to be used up completely. However, amid the fear of rising cases due to the new variant, we will be administering booster shots at the hospital once again as per the current guidelines," said Dr Chaitra A from Aster RV Hospital.

While the precautionary dose was made available free of cost from April 10, so far, only around 14.5 per cent of the city's adult population has received the jab. While the total adult population of the city is 91.7 lakh, a little over 13.3 lakh individuals have rolled up their sleeves for the precautionary dose, according to official data.

Some hospitals are stocking up on the vials assuming a surge in their demand in the coming days.

"There have been very few takers for the booster dose in the last few months. We have had only about 8-10 people turning up for the vaccine in a month. We are planning to procure additional doses based on the demand. Anyone who is above the age of 18 and has not taken the precautionary dose can book an appointment online through the Cowin app and then visit the hospital for vaccination," said Dr Deepak Balani, Sakra World Hospital.

Hospitals are stocking up on vials in preparation for sudden demands

> **Cough, fever, sneezing, nose block, rhinitis, and shortness of breath are some of the symptoms of the new variant (BE. 7 Omircron)**
>
> –Dr Chaitra A, Aster AV Hospital

According to health experts, aged people, pregnant women, and people with underlying health issues such as diabetes, hypertension, lung and kidney diseases, and healthcare workers are at higher risk of being infected. However, taking the booster dose is important for everyone to reduce the severity of infection.

"Cough, fever, sneezing, nose block, rhinitis, and shortness of breath are some of the symptoms of the new variant (BF.7 Omicron). Taking booster shots is necessary to reduce the severity of infection. People should get the dose without worrying about the side effects," added Dr Chaitra.

Doctors are advising anyone who has not taken the covid booster jab to take it as a precautionary measure. They say it is essential to get vaccinated and maintain a safe distance from infected patients.

"We will be administering booster shots to those who have not received it yet. As long as you are not immunocompromised, you can take the jab without worrying about the side effects. However, people should avoid public gatherings and follow contact precautions like washing hands, cough etiquette, and wearing a triple-layered mask when in public places," said a healthcare expert from a private hospital in the city.

BBMP faces Covishield booster shortage

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As Bengaluru switches to alert mode for potential covid waves in the near future, the city administration faces a new challenge. The Centre has directed state governments to increase the booster dose coverage and encourage eligible beneficiaries to take the jab at the earliest.

The precautionary dose coverage in Karnataka is as low as 20 per cent. With 90 per cent of eligible Bengalureans having taken Covishield as the first two doses, there is a severe shortage of Covishield booster doses. Hence, the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has decided to request the state government to provide Covishield vials to speed up booster vaccinations.

BBMP Chief Commissioner Tushar Giri Nath said, "We have decided to take up campaigns for promoting booster doses. While we have stocks of Covaxin vials, we don't have the requisite stock for Covishield. In Bengaluru, around 90 pc of the people have taken Covishield and only around 9 lakh people have taken Covaxin. Currently, we have 1.25 lakh Covaxin vials with an expiry date for January-end. We hope to cover the booster dose for those who had earlier taken Covaxin as the first two doses. We will return the excess Covaxin vials to the state so that it can be redistributed to other districts.``

However, Health Minister Dr K Sudhakar said that there was a stock of more than a million doses. "Earlier, we had one crore vaccine doses, but people were not coming forward. I can say that certain vaccine vials have been wasted as they expired. The reason for this is that during the first two waves, people were queuing up to take vaccine shots. However, as Covid cases subsided, people were also complacent about taking boosters," he said.

Meanwhile, the BBMP has decided to increase waste water surveillance for tracking covid hotspots. "We have decided to tie up with BWSSB for tracking the sewage samples using machines as it will give us heads up on ward wise details. Earlier, we were trying waste water surveillance via STP and manholes, which were not giving us ward wise pictures. We also had a detailed meeting with the representatives of Private Hospitals and Nursing Homes association (PHANA) and have sought details on infrastructure and bed requirements, including oxygenated and ventilated. There are issues like a private medical college has procured ventilators but they are not working. We are writing to Karnataka State Medical Supplies Corporation to fix the issue," Nath said.

No need to panic

The current situation in Bengaluru doesn't warrant any panic as the situation is well under control. Nath said, "We are preparing as per the protocols. If we look at the current test positivity rate, it is quite low." Sudhakar added that only an advisory has been issued for now, and in future, if the need arises, tougher rules may be announced.

Keep your masks on indoors

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Amid the rise in covid cases in countries like China, Japan, USA, and Brazil, the state government has released orders to mask up indoors ahead of Christmas and new year celebrations. The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has advised apartment complexes to host events in outdoor places.

Lessons from the first three waves of the pandemic have helped the BBMP understand how situations can get worse if measures are not taken in advance, which is why they are now ensuring that all necessary steps are taken this time.

BBMP Special Commissioner (Health), Dr Thrilok Chandra held a meeting with various resident welfare association's (RWAs) and apartment complexes regarding the preventive measures to be taken ahead of the festive season.

The previous waves of the covid pandemic have taught us to be better prepared for future waves of the infection, follow safety measures

The main point jotted out by Thrilok was for RWAs and different apartment complexes to organise Christmas or New year events in open places. "With respect to the changing covid scenario where we are seeing cases increasing in other countries, it is important for us to take all the necessary precautionary measures. Since there are many apartment complexes in the city with a large number of people staying in, it is important to ensure such steps are taken. Ahead of the festive season, all the events should be conducted only in outdoor areas with proper ventilation. Indoor events are not recommended."

He further added that RWAs should make sure that social distancing is carried out, and in other facilities of apartment complexes used by many people, face masks should be worn. This apart, for those who have missed out on their second dose and precautionary doses, especially the elderly, should go forward and take the doses, he said.

Talking about quarantine of international travellers, Thrilok said that there are no specific guidelines yet. "The central government has made it mandatory for carrying out random testing of 2 per cent of international travelers. Those who come from other states and countries and develop symptoms later should get themselves tested immediately and report to the nearest hospital," he said.

Meanwhile, Health Minister Dr K Sudhakar had a meeting with Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya. Sudhakar stated that they would take a call on new year celebrations in the next few days.

The BBMP Hotel Association President PC Rao has asked the state government not to take any hasty decisions with the new year celebrations and has also asked the government to consult with the industry representatives before taking a final call.

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WRITTEN IN STARS?

Why astronomy is called 'science' but astrology is not

Are you sure astrology isn't a science? Both astrology and astronomy are in the business of making predictions. The theories of astrology claim that the positions of the planets and the stars influence who you are and what happens to you: your job, your personality and your romantic partner. Astrologers make these predictions based on the positions of the planets at the time of your birth.

Astronomy, in contrast, makes predictions about such phenomena as the movements of planets and the expansion of galaxies. Astronomers explain their predictions with such properties as masses, distances and gravitational forces.

As a philosopher and an anthropologist who study what science means to society, we think it is important to separate the question of whether something is a science from the question of whether it is true or false.

Astrology makes scientific claims

Science, in essence, involves making and testing factual claims about the world. Factual claims are true or false descriptions of the world (Joe is 1 metre tall) as opposed to descriptions of how we define things (1 metre is 1,000 milimetres). In this sense, astrologers, like astronomers, make factual claims about the world. To us, that makes astrology sound a lot like a set of scientific beliefs.

For a very long time, until the 17th or 18th century, astronomy and astrology were practised side by side. After all, knowing where the planets were relative to the stars was necessary to make accurate predictions about how their locations influenced human affairs.

That's why astronomers and astrologers populated medical schools and governments, advising people on what the heavens signalled was to come on Earth.

Even famed astronomers Galileo and Kepler practised astrology. Any rule that says they are scientists only if they make one set of factual claims but not when they make another set of factual claims divides these thinkers into two halves that aren't meant to be contradictory. In both cases, they wanted to know how things worked so they could predict how things would go in the future.

Being false vs being unscientific

But here's the rub: When researchers test the predictions astrology makes about people's lives, those predictions turn out to be no better than guesswork.

There is currently no broadly accepted evidence that galactic forces are capable of influencing the choices people make. The truck parked on the street exerts more gravitational pull on you than Mars does, and the radio waves from your local station far outpower those from Jupiter, for instance.

There is an important difference between being false and being unscientific. Currently, astrological theories are false precisely because they make scientific claims about the world, and those claims turn out to be wrong. Although the predictions astrology makes are false, they are nonetheless a matter of science. That's how we know they are wrong, after all.

> **Some people believe that they find support for astrological predictions in their personal experiences; they read their horoscope and it seems right**

Some people believe they find support for astrological predictions in their own personal experience. They read their horoscope and it seems just right: They did "meet someone interesting" or "benefit from listening to a close friend's advice." But the predictions are vague enough that they would often be true even if astrology were utterly bogus. That's why it can be difficult to figure out how to assess an astrologer's predictions with precision.

Theories of astronomy, on the other hand, have evolved over the years with advances in technology. They are routinely corrected in response to increasingly precise measurements.

For example, Einstein's theory of general relativity got a boost over Newton's because it predicted the precise migration of Mercury's closest point to the Sun year after year. If astrology had the same ability to make correct predictions with such precision, it might still be a major focus of scientific attention.

Why is astrology still popular?

But then why do so many people find astrology so useful if its predictions are not well founded? Why are astrological signs and horoscopes so popular?

It seems that looking to the sky to make some sense of what's going on right now and what's going to happen in the future has appealed to a lot of different people at different times in history all over the world.

When it comes to what's commonly known as Western astrology, many people find their astrological sign to be a source of meaning in their lives. In fact, nearly 30 per cent of Americans believe in astrology.

It's one of many tools we have for telling stories about ourselves to make sense of who we are, why we are that way and why experiences that otherwise would feel meaningless and confusing seem to happen to us all the time. In this sense, astrology's success might be less about prediction and more about what it offers in terms of meaning and interpretation.

Among other things, astrology can be a useful prompt for self-reflection. It asks us whether we have traits typical of our astrological sign, and whether those we love have traits the theory suggests they ought to have.

Thinking about our traits and relationships with the people around us is generally a good tool for understanding who we are, what we want to be and the meaning of our lives.

Perhaps astrology is helpful in this way, independently of whether those traits are fixed by the stars.

By Talia Dan-Cohen and Carl Craver, Washington University in St Louis (The Conversation)

All problems solved

Dear Coleen

I've been dating an amazing man for just over a year. We're both divorced - I'm 38 and he's 42 - and we both have kids with our ex-partners.
We get on like a house on fire and already our relationship is deeper and more meaningful than my eight-year marriage. We have so much in common and fell head over heels in love with each other.
My dilemma is, I'm desperate for us to get married, but he rolls his eyes every time I bring it up and says going through a divorce has put him off marriage for life. I get it - his ex cheated on him and gave him a really tough time, but this is a different relationship.
What's made me feel worse is that my friend has just got engaged and I'm feeling so jealous. Am I too needy, desperate and sad or do I have a point?

COLEEN SAYS

You're in love, which is wonderful, and of course I understand you're looking for commitment from him.
However, a marriage certificate won't guarantee a "happy ending" – you know that because your last marriage ended in divorce.
Yes, it's a different relationship, but both of you have to want marriage and you have to respect his experience and his opinion.
But not wanting to get married doesn't mean he doesn't love you.
I don't think it's a good idea to force his hand or bang on about your friend's amazing proposal (it will just make him feel he's lacking in some way). If and when you see him at the end of the aisle, you want him to be there because that's what he wants and not because he feels he has no choice.
If your desperation to tie that knot has something to do with feeling insecure, then talk to him about how you feel. This is still a pretty new relationship so focus on enjoying it and seeing where it takes you,

—Coleen Nolan, Daily Mirror

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 # Ring in the new year in Mexico
Taking a break from her erratic shoot schedule, actress Bhumi Pednekar will be seen ringing in the New Year in style in Mexico with her friends

A tribute to Covid warriors

HOSA DINACHARI
3.0 RATING ★★★☆☆
- **DIRECTOR** Keerthi Shekhar and Vyshak Pushpalatha
- **ACTORS** Babu Hirannaiah, Aruna Balraj, Deepak Subramanya
- **CERTIFICATION** U
- **Duration** 116 minutes

It may not be an exaggeration to describe this movie as a true tribute to Corona warriors. Hosa Dinachari transports the audiences right back to the time when the pandemic was raging all around us.

The movie begins with Rajesh (Chethan Vicky), a cab driver waiting at Malpe Beach to meet a prospective bride. Rajesh is advised by a marriage broker not to smoke cigarettes as the woman does not approve of it. At this juncture, Apeksha alias Appu (Mandara Battalahalli Kavital) approaches Rajesh for a cigarette. During a casual discussion, both of them narrate their stories. While Rajesh talks about how finding a life partner has become tough for him, Apeksha speaks about how she desperately wanted to break up from a living relationship with Sharan (Supreeth Gowda), a software engineer. Rajesh also tells her how he mistook Kiran's (Varshah Susana Kurien) friendship as a love.

Meanwhile, the director introduces an elderly couple Veeranna (Babu Hirannaiah) and Gowri (Aruna Balraj) whose only son is settled in Singapore. He also shows us how Veeranna looks after his better half and later gets admitted to a hospital after testing positive for coronavirus. Veeranna happens to meet Chirag (Vivek Dev) who does not want to inform his parents about his being admitted to the hospital for coronavirus. He interacts with Dr Bharath (Deepak Subramanya) who chooses treating covid patients over being with his family.

Veeranna later comes to know that Chirag has died of corona complications and requests Dr Bharath to help him go home. The climax is what happens to Veeranna and whether Rajesh finds his life partner.

Babu Hirannaiah and Aruna Balraj are at their best. Their acting has the potential to make the audiences empathise with them. Many in the audience are bound to find their characters to be relatable. The characters Apeksha and Sharan convey a much-needed message to those who break up their relationships at the drop of a hat.

Deepak Subramanya has excelled as an affectionate father, loving husband and a concerned doctor. Varsha Susana Kurien and Mandara Battalahalli Kavital are beautiful and their dialogue delivery is superb.

The background score by Ashwin Hemanth is apt and cinematographer Rawkey has done a good job behind the camera. The songs – Ninade Nenapu and Neene – are melodious. These songs are sung by Vasuki Vaibhav, Varun Ramachandra, and Rakshana Sridhar. Directors Keerthi Shekhar and Vyshak Pushpalatha deserve a pat on the back for handling the megaphone with aplomb.

All in all, Hosa Dinachari is worth a watch with the family.

—Y Maheswara Reddy

Lily or Alia

Hollywood actress Lily Collins was sporting the same dress in the third season of 'Emily In Paris' that Bollywood actress Alia Bhatt wore in the first season of Karan Johar's chat show this year.

In the new season, which started airing from December 21, Collins was seen wearing a well-fitted pink and red polka dotted dress.

Netizens noticed the similarity between Collins and Alia. **IANS**

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Weekend banter

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The daughter of Maheep and actor Sanjay Kapoor, Shanaya has a younger brother named Jahaan Kapoor. She is all set to make her acting debut with Karan Johar's 'Bedhadak'. **IANS**

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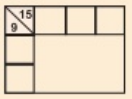
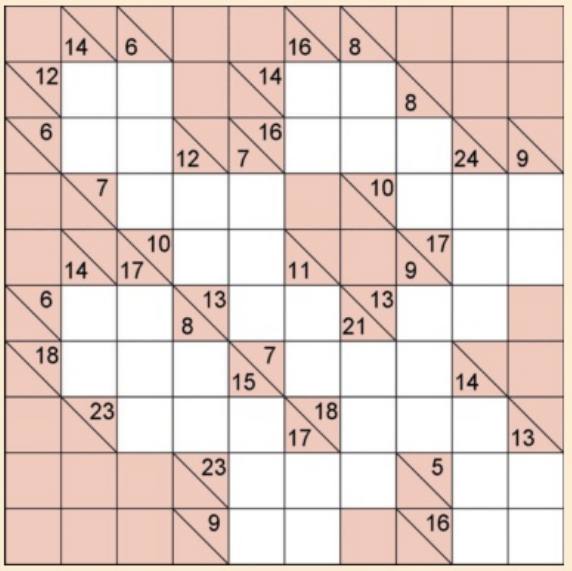


The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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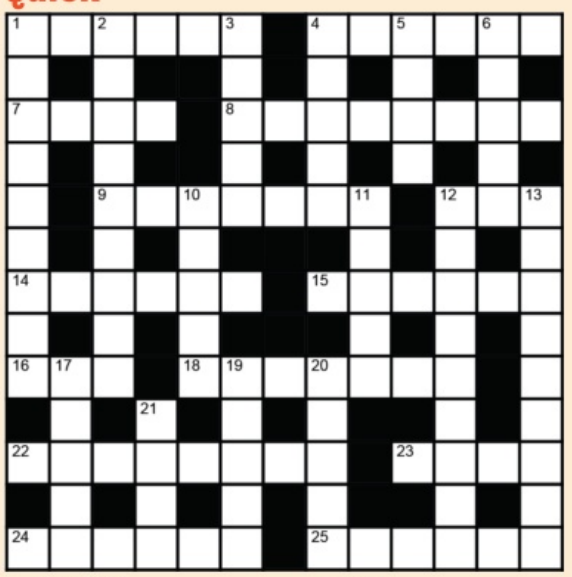

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1 A stupid person (6)
4 Fix or straighten (6)
7 A large umbrella (4)
8 Still sealed (8)
9 Bangalore's famed botanical gardens (7)
12 Employ (3)
14 Responsible (6)
15 Victor or master? (3,3)
16 Quantity of heat in FPS unit (3)
18 Royal town (7)
22 Old San Francisco jail (8)
23 Ingredient of beer (4)
24 Modifies (6)
25 Looked after the sick (6)

DOWN

1 Discotheque (5,4)
2 South Indian state (5,4)
3 Digit on hand (5)
4 In the middle of (5)
5 Scoff or deride (4)
6 Wise ones (5)
10 90s TV legal drama (2,3)
11 Boos or jeers? (5)
12 Endures, suffers or experiences (9)
13 Monopolised one's thoughts (9)
17 With a covering of baked clay slabs (5)
19 King of Libya from 1950 to 1969 (5)
20 Group of 12 (5)
21 Light giver (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: D EQUALS U

PSDV SGW QSDR HQ WSDVHQ-YMB GYMW PSD NVM XHWB; HI HQ BMQIVSPMB GYMW PSD NVM EVDMR.

Linemaro

I sneezed because God blessed me with you

Mindchow

An explanation of cause is not a justification by reason

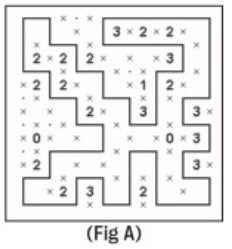
Joke of the day

The road to success is always under construction

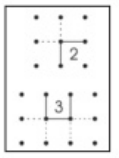
Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



(Fig A)

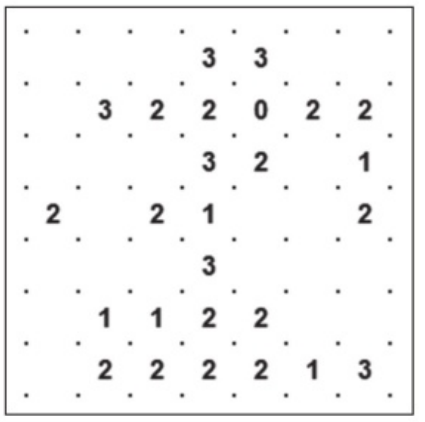


(Fig B) Not Allowed

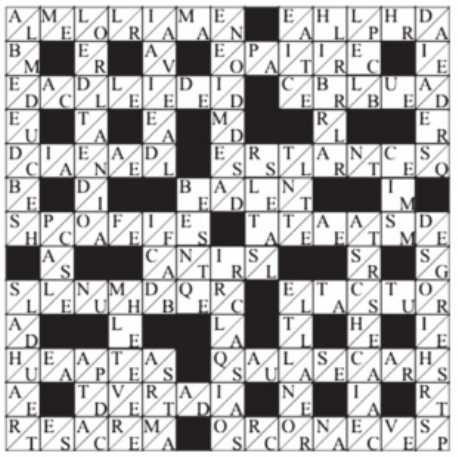
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



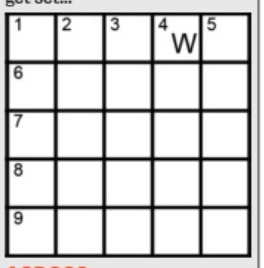
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

1 Raw dn.; 6 Roper; 7 Sucre; 8 Notae; 9 Dying

DOWN

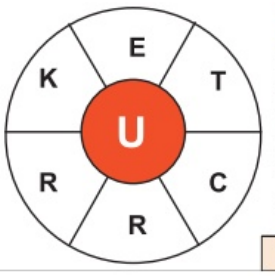
1 Adder; 2 Citer; 3 No par; 4 Rung W; 5 Noyes

Mensapuzzle

Ho

4	9	13	5	86	2	7
82						9
79						24
6						63
35						18
1	6	37	8	49	2	?

Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

10 Average; 12 Good; 14 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

3	6	4			8		5	
	8							2
2			3	5				
	4				5			
7	5			1			8	9
			9				1	
				9	2			8
8							9	
	3		6			5	7	1

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy = 13

1 2 3 8

Medium = 33

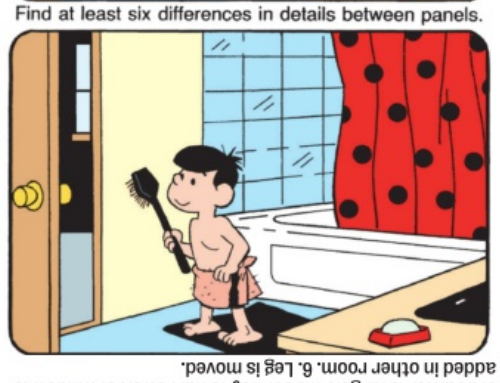
2 3 4 7

Hard = 32

1 4 8 1

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



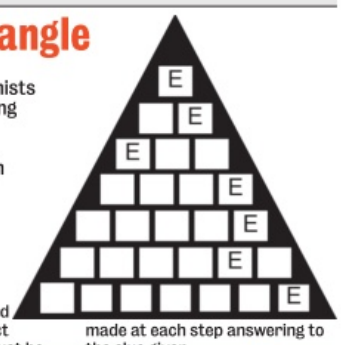
Differences: 1. Soap dish is moved. 2. Bottle is missing. 3. Counter is larger. 4. Doorway is narrower. 5. Window is added in other room. 6. Leg is moved.

Riddler

It prods a man's hand, and it robs him of sleep, It makes him climb mountains and travel the deep, It makes him go wander down deep in a cave, and do almost anything stupid or brave, The longer denied the greater it grows, It makes a man learn 'till he thinks that he knows.

Alpha triangle

1 Second vowel
2 Iron for the chemists
3 An imaginary being
4 Flora and fauna
5 Firearm
6 Alleviation of pain
7 Productive



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

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Bizarrotrip

Your cologne smells amazing. May I come a little closer?
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Diamond Lil

Hart of the city

WHAT ABOUT SHARI?
SHE HAS A MOTIVE. SHE LIKES TO SING WITH ALYSSA'S TOY MICROPHONE IN PRIVATE.
BUT SHE DIDN'T TAKE IT. SHE'S TOO CONCERNED ABOUT LOOKING LIKE A BABY PLAYING WITH BABY TOYS. FAIR.
SOMETIME YOU'LL HAVE TO PUT AWAY YOUR CHILDISH THINGS.
OH, BROTHER.
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Crankshaft

I WAS VERY SURPRISED WHEN I FOUND OUT THAT I HAD WON THE 'OHIOANA BOOK AWARD'...
BUT I'M SURE THAT NO ONE WOULD BE MORE SURPRISED THAN MY HIGH SCHOOL ENGLISH TEACHER!
OHIOana AWARDS
10-14
BATIUK & DAVIS

Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today you may feel dull. You may also have some health issues which are likely to affect your day-to-day work. You find yourself under a mysterious fear, which can make you sensitive and emotional. You are advised to avoid rash driving and adventure tours. You are also attracted to the occult. You are advised to visit some spiritual place.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today you may not be able to enjoy your work life and your family life. You are advised to avoid arrogance and ego with your spouse, otherwise it may affect your emotional bonding. Problems in partnerships are likely to be resolved. Singles are advised to avoid rushing before making decisions related to marriage. With the help of patience, you may come out from messy situations.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today is not a good day for you. You may be a victim of negative thoughts. You may be impatient. Your arrogance may push you back from taking difficult decisions. Your life seems to stop somewhere. You may be in need of advice from your elders, which may help you to come back from this messy situation.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today you may enjoy it with your family. You may spend some romantic moments with your spouse, which may boost understanding. You are likely to spend money on buying some artefacts or household items to renovate your house. You may enjoy parties and events. You are advised to read documents carefully before making any investments in fixed assets.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today you may be able to implement business plans successfully with support from your subordinates. You may be involved in some social or family get-together, which may boost your network. You are likely to go for short business-related travels, which may give you benefits in the near future.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today, at the start of the day, you may not be focused on your work, but with the help of patience, you may be able to control this. You may easily find resources which might be important for completion of your work. Your sources of income are likely to be increased.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today you may feel happy and energetic. You may explore and analyse yourself, which may give you confidence. You are likely to be able to face any type of challenge, which can make you fearless and courageous. You are advised to keep patience regarding taking financial decisions. Lovebirds may enjoy happy moments.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today is a good day. Your financial health is likely to be good. You may get benefits from your past investments. You may have control over your expenditure on worthless things, which may boost your savings. Lovebirds are advised to be polite in conversation with their partner, otherwise there may be conflicts between them.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today you may expect a big order from a new client. This will increase your liquidity in business. You are likely to meet an influential person who may help you grow your business. Your bonding with your boss may become strong. You can expect a promotion because of hard work. Your prestige may be increased now.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today is a good day for you. Your enthusiasm may be at its peak, so you need to regulate it. Self-analysis may help you get confidence, which may increase your prestige in society. You will resolve many problems with the help of your communication skills. Investors are advised to avoid speculation.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today you may be busy with issues related to siblings and relatives. You may plan to start some new venture with the help of your siblings and network. You are likely to get an order which will grow your family business. Your network may help you complete your tasks successfully. There may be some smart gains after minimal effort.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today you are blessed by your elders, which may give you patience in your thought process. You are likely to be happy and calm. You may plan to visit a spiritual place seeking peace of mind. You may also donate some money to charity. There may be some chances for overseas travel.

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SOLVE IN 1M
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$= 3+8 = 11$

RIDDLER
Curiosity

QUOTE UNCODE
Your own soul is nourished when you are kind; it is destroyed when you are cruel.

FAST FIVE

D	R	A	W	N
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STRIKE OUT

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QUICK

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MENSA PUZZLE
5: each row of numbers contains the digits 1–9

BULL'S EYE
cruet, cure, curt, cute, cuter, ecru, recur, truce, truck, TRUCKER, true, truer, tuck, tucker

SUDOKU

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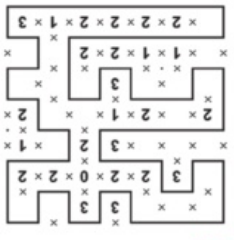
1	4	9	8	7	5	6	2	3
7	5	3	2	1	6	4	8	9
6	2	8	9	4	3	7	1	5
4	1	5	7	9	2	3	6	8
8	7	6	5	3	1	2	9	4
9	3	2	6	8	4	5	7	1

ALPHA TRIANGLE
E, Fe, Elf, Life, Rifle, Relief, Fertile.

GO FIGURE
Easy
$3 + 8 \times 1 + 2 = 13$
Medium
$4 \times 7 + 2 + 3 = 33$
Hard
$8 \times 4 - 1 + 1 = 32$

LOOP



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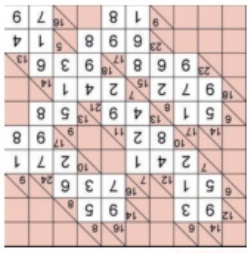

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TIES THAT BIND

Rashmika talks about her bond with co-stars that lasts even after a film is done

Shuttling between south and Hindi film industries, Rashmika Mandanna has made lots of acquaintances. As she grows as an actor with a number of films in her kitty, Rashmika shares that she likes to look back and stay in touch with all her contacts.

She says, "I do have to keep in touch with all my co-actors. Because I feel that they have been such an important part of my life. We are shooting constantly for films, you spend more time with them than your own family. For me they are very important personally. Everybody I am working with are such lovely people!"

Talking about her Animal co-star, Ranbir Kapoor, she says, "RK is the best! He is too nice as a person. I extremely enjoyed working with him. Sandeep sir (Reddy Vanga, director) keeps saying that we are creating some madness with this film. So, I am really excited even thinking about it."

About her Mission Majnu co-star Sidharth Malhotra, she says, "Sidharth is just too cute." Sharing an incident, she adds, "Sid would take good care of me during the shooting of the film. He has a naughty side too... he would not eat any sweets, but feed me all the sweets and I would put on (weight). He would work out and stay focused on his diet. Luckily, I am back on my diet and fitness. Now I am happy that I am back to my shape."

—Onkar Kulkarni, ETimes

Actor says spending time on sets with others creates deep bonds

When the trolls got to her

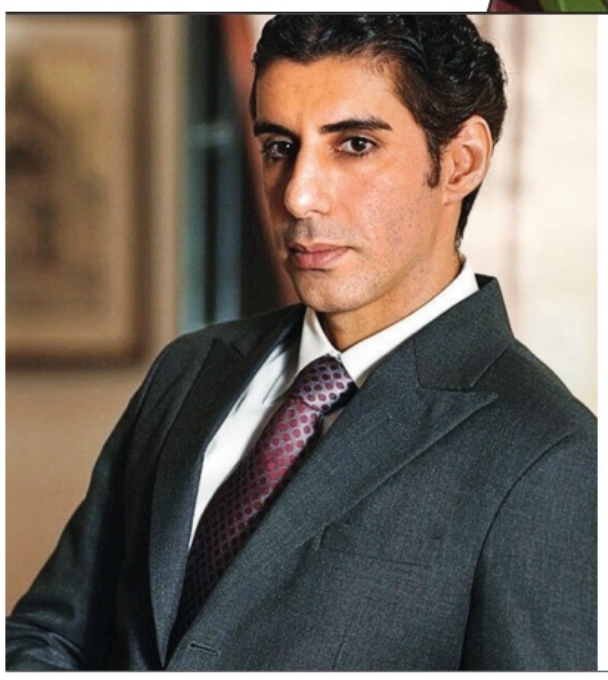
Actor Sunny Leone, who started her career in the adult film industry is now an actor, host, performer and happily married wife and mother.

However, in the initial stages of her career, Sunny, who was barely 20 and starting out, became the target of trolls all the way from India, even though she was in Canada, where she has been born and brought up. In an interview to Galatta Plus, the Baby Doll fame performer said that during her stint in the adult industry, she used to get hate mail and death threats from India, which affected her deeply.

Moving on, Sunny said that years later, when she decided to move to Bollywood, she was sceptical of people accepting her since in her head, she had established that no one is going to take her seriously. Eventually, she had to let go of her inhibitions and before expecting others not to judge her, she too, had to learn to do the same.

The Splitsvilla host eventually realised that it was only a miniscule population that derived pleasure in bringing her down, while the rest were truly welcoming.

On the workfront, Sunny will reportedly be seen in an Anurag Kashyap directorial soon, the details of which are awaited. —ETimes



Winner all the way

Actors Jim Sarbh and Ishwak Singh's acclaimed drama series 'Rocket Boys' was on an award-winning spree at the Filmfare OTT Awards 2022 on Wednesday night.

'Rocket Boys' won 8 awards at the ongoing Filmfare OTT Awards 2022 in Mumbai.

Jim Sarbh won Best Actor, Drama, Critics - Male award for his performance in the series. The director, Abhay Pannu received the Best Director, Series award for the acclaimed series.

Apart from these, the series also received the Best Series, Best VFX-Series, Best Production Design - Series, Best Screenplay-Series, Best Costume Design- Series, and Best Cinematographer-Series awards.

Helmed by Abhay Pannu, the period drama series starred Jim Sarbh, Ishwak Singh, Regina Cassandra and Saba Azad in the lead roles and received a massive response from the audience.

The series premiered exclusively on the OTT platform Sony Liv in February 2022.

Makers of the 'Rocket Boys' unveiled the teaser for the second season of the show in August, this year.

However, the official release date of Season 2 is still awaited.

Meanwhile, Sarbh was recently seen in the drama series 'Four More Shots Please, Season 3', alongside Maanvi Gagroo, Bani J, Kirti Kulhari and Sayani Gupta which garnered a decent response from the audience. Ishwak Singh will be seen in upcoming spy thriller 'Berlin' opposite actor Aparshakti Khurana.

The official release date of the film is still awaited. —ANI

SANDALWOOD SHOTS

Y MAHESWARA REDDY

Say no to drugs

Adarsh Iyengar, an NRI indie musician, is out with a music video that puts spotlight on the adverse impact of drugs on society. The video titled Quit showcases the ill-effects of drugs on youngsters.

Adarsh, who bankrolled the movie Thimmana Mottegalu, has not only sung the song but also acted in the video along with Nitya Das Gowda. Nitya was a participant of Telugu reality show – Dhee 13 Dance Show and has acted in the Telugu movie Damayanthi.

The video shows the life of a youngster (Adarsh Iyengar) who falls into bad company and starts doing drugs. The video goes on to show how he could not be there for his parents when they needed him the most due to his drug habit. It ends with the man giving up drugs forever.

The song is written by Pramod Maravanthe and directed by Rakshith Thirthahalli.

Wearer of many hats

Actor-cum-director Chandra Keerthi is elated with a chance to do a double-assignment in yet another movie. Chandra Keerthi is assigned to direct and act in an as-yet untitled Kannada movie that is set to go on floors shortly.

Chandra Keerthi directed Tootu Madike and played the lead in it earlier. "My previous movie was a comedy of errors. My next one is full of love and action set in a forest. We are planning to put up a tribal hamlet near Puttur in Dakshina Kannada district," said Chandra Keerthi.

He said work on the script is in progress and it is expected to be over in a month. "We are yet to select a female lead and other actors and technicians for this movie. A few actresses are in touch but I am yet to take a call to zero in on one of them," he said.

He has acted in the movies Silicon City, Kiss, Mooka Vishmitha and Benki. "I worked in departments such as direction and production also in Mooka Vishmitha. I learnt the nuances of direction then," he said, adding that the title of the movie would be decided shortly.